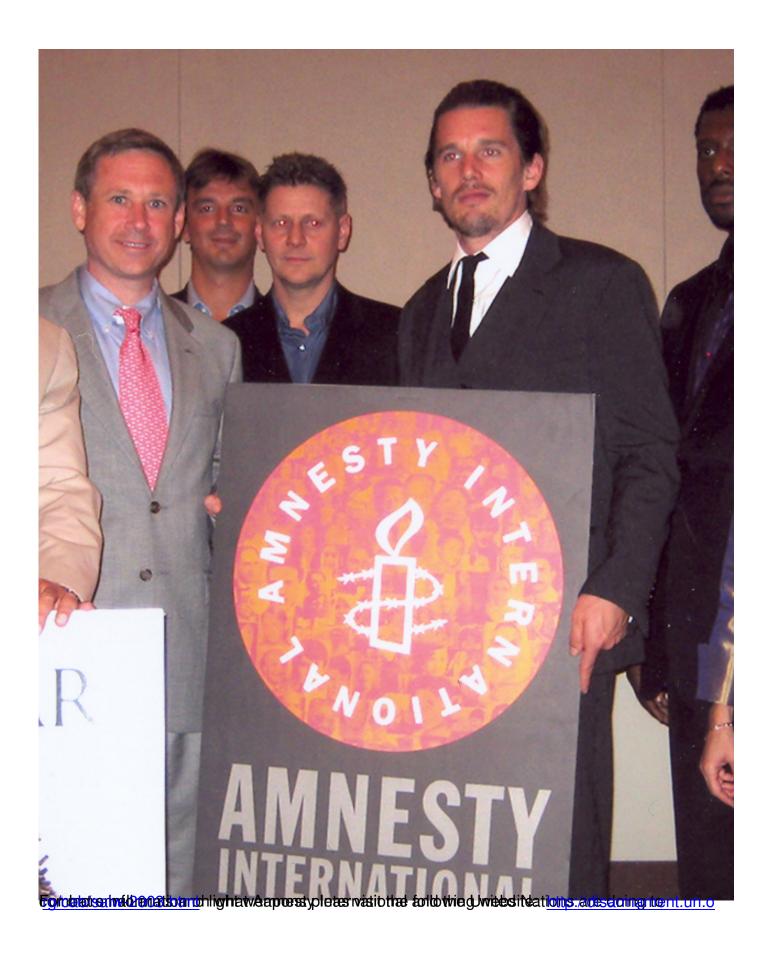
The illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons is among the greatest threats to regional security in less- developed areas of the world undergoing civil strife. As an intelligence officer in the Naval Reserves, serving during the conflict in the Balkans, I witnessed first- hand the atrocities small arms and light weapons can cause when used for ethnic cleansing and war crimes. I was also the keynote speaker at an Amnesty International event on this subject in Washington, DC, in September 2005. My address came prior to the screening of the film *Lord of War* 

where I was joined by actor Ethan Hawke.



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